LEGION'S LOBBYIST **ACCUSED AS UNFAIR**

Head of National Chamber of Commerce Responds to

Taylor's Attack.

Period of Referendum.

"The adjusted compensation bill passed by the lower house was not introduced in the House until March 16. Our referendum was issued January 7 and closed February 21. Under no possibility could votes on that bill have been filed with us, and none were. Our vote at two annual meetings and through our referendum was taken upon principles involved in proposed legislation for the benefit of the uninjured soldiers and not upon particular bills introduced from time to time and in great number."

Hanford MacNider, Commander of the American Legion, testified to the fairness of the referendum in a letter of January 11, according to Mr. Defrees, when he said: "There is no doubt in our minds that in the Chamber's referendum every attempt was made to present both sides of the question completely, but I cannot refrain from calling attention to some seeming discrepancies, but not more probably that would creep into any such document."

"The results of the referendum vote of the try and get something for the proposed legislation for the benefit of the uninjured soldiers in the late war are demanding a bonus in view of the fact that there seems to be no limit on the amount Congress is willing to pay out in pensions, whether the applicants are needy or not.

"Since I have been here," he added, "the civil war pension claims have increased by \$65.000,000 per annum. As the veterans of that war decrease in numbers due to deaths the claims increase. Under such circumstances how do you expect to decrease the tax rate and bring the country back to normalicy?

"The whole atmosphere here seems to be to try and get something for

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"The results of the referendum vote speak for themselves." Mr. De Frees said. "The vote commits us to advocacy of two provisions of the adjusted compensation bill, which the American Legion advocated—land settlement and vocational training for veterans. Do you support Mr. Taylor's statement that a referendum giving such results was conceived in hypoerisy, conducted in insincerity, not conducted to advise Congress, but to mislead it?" Mr. De Frees asked Mr. MacNider.

"When our membership advocated for uninjured veterans constructive measures approved by your gwn organization do you testify to the fairness of Mr. Taylor's statement that our referendum its a deceit practised upon the membership of the Cahmber of Commerce of the United States of America?"

MEXICO BUYS MANY AUTOS.

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MEXICO CITY, April 26.—Seven countries consumed 59 per cent. of the autimobile exports of the United States last year, Mexico being the foremost

BONUS ACTION HALTS TO GET CHARGES BIG FRAUD GUIDANCE FROM LEGION IN BOGUS U. S. BONDS

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House Ways and Means Committee The failure of the Fordney commit the failure of the Fordney commit-tee to evolve a scheme that would re-ceive the approval of the President and Secretary Mellon is established by the overwhelming disapproval of it by the

He predicted that the matter would be taken to the courts and said that if the judicial tribunal decided that there

exempt securities and resorting to other tricks to evade the heavy taxa-

Opposed on General Principles. Senator Dial said he opposed pen-

hart year, Mexico being the foremost purchaser, according to American Chamber of Commerce statistics, Mexteo bought 8,332 cars daring 1921; Canada, 6,386; Australia, 3,740; Japan, 2,062; Hawaii 1,984 and Cuba 1,975.

tect the United States? This plan of paying out vast sums to soldiers whether they need it or not is vicious and cannot be defended. Not only that, but it works an injustice to the

JERSEY TAX TOTAL GREATER.

TRENTON, N. J., April 26. — Public utilities of New Jersey. 251 in number. will pay franchise taxes aggregating \$5,024,565.47 this year, for \$329,459.31 more than was levied against them in 1921. The eighteen street railway companies and the seventy-three gas and electric light companies operating in the State will pay \$4,628,654.33 of the tax.

Watts, special agent of the Department of Justice, "for disloyalty to the Department of Justice."

Mr. Johnson declared that Mr. Watts had served his country in three wars and that some time ago while employed in the Department of Justice, "he was offered a commission as Major in the Army if he would let up with certain prosecutions.

The Attorney General, Mr. Johnson said, had been illy advised in or-

secretary Mellon is established by the byerwhelming disapproval of it by the Senate.

"I am at a loss to understand why Congress continues to pile up our public debt by billions. I should think you would give some Jittle consideration to the taxpayers. It seems to me the contact of the misurance certificates."

Mr. Johnson: "I will say that I am satisfied there is truth in it, because I remember at one time it was shown conclusively that a negro taxicab driver in Washington was discovered down in front of the New Willard with thirty-money on the insurance certificates."

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dering dismissal of Watts. The text of the letter of removal with a memorandum by Watts showing it was based on his admission that he had given information to Representative Johnson regarding cases before the department and Watts's reply to the Attorney General, issued to-day were put into the Congressional record.

His Letter to Daugherty.

Watts sent an "open letter" to Mr. Daugherty in which he said:

"It is particularly reatifying to me to note that you did not feel warranted or have the moral courage to charge me with 'disloyalty' to the Government. This you cannot do. My loyalty to the Government is of lifelong standing. I have followed and defended the flag in the Spanish American war, the Philippine Islands insurrection and the late war. My record of loyalty is well known and unimpeachable."

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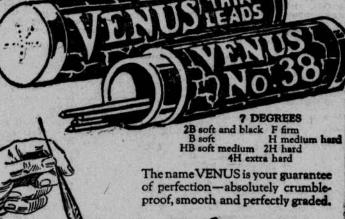
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